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Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On November 14, Bronson Koenig, Ho-Chunk tribal member and La Crosse Aquinas point guard, signed his national letter of intent to play basketball for the Wisconsin Badgers. Koenig is Rivals.com #14 point guard in the nation for the 2013. Bronson is the son of Paul Koenig and Ethel Funmaker.

Koenig signed his national letter of intent to play for the Badgers at the La Crosse Aquinas High School surrounded by family, teammates, coaches, and media. Koenig said, "That's a big relief. It feels good to be a Badger. It feels great."

The Wisconsin Badger 2013 recruiting class has five notable recruits: Bronson Koenig, 6'3", 180 lbs. guard; Vitto Brown, 6'8", 240 lbs. forward; Riley Dearing, 6'5", 180 lbs. guard; Nigel Hayes, 6'7", 230 lbs. forward; and Jordan Hill, 6'3", 175 lbs. guard. Koenig said, "With five players in the class, we'll hope to go far in the (NCAA) tournament."

As Koenig is set to begin his senior year with La Crosse Aquinas

Blugolds basketball, he hopes to lead the team to an undefeated season and a state championship. He said, "I hope to keep doing what I've been doing. For my senior year, I want to show people I'm still the same player I used to be." Koenig sat out a majority of his junior year with an injury. He continued, "We have a lot of experience with our eight guys; we can go undefeated."

When asked what he has been working on to develop as a player, Koenig jokingly said, "I'll let you see on the court." He continued, "I've been lifting weights, and I've matured; both physically and mentally."

Koenig explained that during his freshman year he knew a day like this was coming after receiving his first scholarship offer from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and subsequently Toledo. Koenig was a high sought after player who received scholarship offers from North Carolina and Kansas, but ultimately stayed in Wisconsin. Koenig said, "I was a big Badger basketball fan. I remember watching Devin



Bronson Koenig, joined by his parents Paul Koenig and Ethel Funmaker, signs his national letter of intent to play basketball for the Wisconsin Badgers.

Harris and Kirk Penney play ball."

Ethel Funmaker said, "The experience of watching the heavy recruitment of Bronson was eye opening." Paul Koenig said, "It's like a blitz in football. Everyone is coming right at you." Bronson said, "It's been hectic, but I learned a lot and met a lot of great people. Since I gave my verbal commitment to Wisconsin, I've been able

to focus and work on my game."

When asked about being a role model from young basketball players and Ho-Chunk youth, Koenig said, "I just hope to be someone they can look up to, and get them interested in playing basketball."

Koenig's future coach, Bo Ryan shared his thoughts about Bronson. He said, "Bronson has developed

himself into a terrific player and great young man on and off the court. We first saw him as a freshman at our Advanced Instruction Camp and knew at that point he had a chance to be a very good player. He's played in a very successful high school program and knows what success is all about."

Bronson has exceptional court vision, great feel for the game and has the ability to take over a game or make plays for his teammates. He also wants to be really good and play for championships.

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Bronson Koenig being interviewed by local media as he signed his national letter of intent.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT To the Ho-Chunk People:

This is the time of year when our families come together and share in the company of one another being grateful for all the creator has given us. There's no greater time to see the human element of a government as we pause to remind ourselves that we play our role in each of our families before any other for it allows us to succeed in other areas of our lives.

The Office of the President is proud to carry on the tradition of hosting the Thanksgiving meal as we did on November 20, 2012. With

the help and contributions of Executive Departments and other branches of government, a feast of great proportions was served. I was proud to see the Presidential Staff looking just as happy to serve the meal as guests were to receive it.

On November 23, 2012, the same crew put another eventful and highly spirited Ho-Chunk Day celebration down in the history books. Fun and games, music, food and dancing fostered the greatest sense of pride of being Ho-Chunk as we shared

in the greatest company of our extended families.

Again, my thanks goes out to the crew and to all those who participated.

I would also like to express great appreciation to our Nation's Legislature for appropriating tribal dollars to make these events happen and be as successful as they have come to be. Finally, to all those who helped set up and clean after these gatherings, those who have bagged food, folded chairs, swept the floor, etc., you are owed at very least, a thank you from all

who really appreciate the cooperative effort you've made to make things just a bit easier.

We have a truly unique and wonderful gift when several families come together to form one. Thank you everyone. Please have a warm, safe and fun holiday season.

In the service of the People,
Maq̓s̓sga

Jon Greendeer
President of the
Ho-Chunk Nation



Jon Greendeer



Dawn Killian shoots monster buck

It was opening weekend and nearing the end of the hunting day. I had just shot a smaller buck but I couldn't tell if it went down or where it went. I'm a pretty good shot so I was confident he was nearby.

I called Dave on the radio and said since he has not seen anything that he'll get down and look for me. I stayed in my tree stand while Dave walked thru the marsh in water that was almost hip deep. I heard something crashing thru the pines and was ready for whatever was headed my way.

I saw the buck making a mad dash out of the pines. I had about two seconds to make the shot, there was no time to second guess my aim. I pulled the trigger and he ran into the pines behind me I didn't even have time to reload and he disappeared.

I radioed my dad to show him about where he went in. He had dropped about 20 feet from where I had shot him - it was a clean shot right thru the heart. Turns out to be a monster buck, I didn't realize how big it was until after I had retrieved him.

Koenig

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All the best guards we've had through the years have had that internal drive and motor to be the best and Bronson definitely has those traits.

He's worked extremely hard to put himself into position to have a lot of options nationally on where to go to school. We're elated that he's chosen to stay home and play for the Badgers. I know our fans will really enjoy watching him grow, develop and help lead our teams in the future."



Bronson poses for a photo with his mother, Ethel Funmaker.



Bronson Koenig signs his national letter of intent to play for the Wisconsin Badgers.

Are you in ship shape for snow shoveling?

Kathleen Clemons,
Exercise Physiologist / Diabetes
Educator

Winter is approaching fast. Heavy snowfall covers our driveways and walk ways which need clearing for safety purposes. Many people have the luxury of snowthrowers but some don't. Manual snow shoveling may be your only option. So the question is, are you in shape to shovel?

A classic study done in 1995 studied the effects of manual snow shoveling on 10 healthy, untrained (non-exercising) men. They first had these men perform a maximal treadmill stress test to observe the responses of their heart rate (HR) and blood pressure (BP). On another occasion, they had the men clear two 50 foot long tracts of heavy, wet snow using a light weight plastic shovel for one tract and a snow thrower for the other. The snow was about 2 inches deep. Here is what they found:

After only 2 minutes of shoveling, the HR in many of the men, exceeded the upper limit of aerobic training. A common training prescription has the upper limit set at 85% of HR max.

Max heart rate is the fastest your heart beats (they got this number from the treadmill test) and you workout at a percentage of that, anywhere from 40-85%. Two subjects with the lowest fitness reached 107 and 112% of their max HR meaning, the heart rates were much higher shoveling then on the max treadmill test. In contrast, the one subject who was somewhat fit, consistently stayed below the 85% max heart rate. Also, blood pressure was higher in the shoveling compared to the treadmill tests. The automated snow throwers fared much better. Heart rate, BP and exertion were much less compared to the shoveling.

So what is the bottom line: Heavy snow shoveling can cause great increases in the HR and BP. Inactive people, especially those at risk for or with established heart disease, are cautioned regarding the excessive demands on the heart with this activity. So does this mean you let the snow build up and don't come out of your house until Spring? No, it means "Get in Shape For Shoveling!" Walk, bike, run, etc., 3-5 times a week for 30-60 minutes to get that heart in

better shape. Start lifting weights to build strength so the heavy snow is easier to lift, meaning less stress on the body and heart. In addition, do a light warm up before you shovel. March in place, move your arms. This allows your body to get ready for the hard work you will be doing. A warm up is always a part of any program of physical exertion. Always check with an MD before starting an exercise program. Talk to your Exercise Physiologist to set you up on an appropriate program.

Most important, if you do shovel and experience chest pain, pressure in your chest, pain in your arms (usually the left but not always), pain radiating to your neck, jaw, shoulder blades, nausea, dizziness or profuse sweating, STOP what you are doing and call 911, you could be having a heart attack.

Excess cardiac deaths have been reported after heavy snowfalls. This is in part due to the increased demands on the heart from clearing snow on sidewalks and driveways. Don't be a statistic, get in shape for shoveling. Finally, if you have diabetes, make



sure you have enough blood sugar on board for this strenuous activity and carry glucose tablets with you in case you feel low.

Source: *Cardiac Demands of Heavy Snow Shoveling*, JAMA, March 15, 1995, Volume 273, No. 11.

Healthy Holiday Eating

Information provided by
Tara Ringle, Nutritionist

The holidays are a wonderful time to spend with family and friends. They are also filled with tempting foods at all the gatherings. The following are some tips to help you eat healthier during the holidays.

Don't skip meals

o Arriving at a party hungry can lead to unhealthy choices and oversized portions



o Have a snack beforehand such as fresh fruit, low-fat cheese with whole grain crackers, or vegetables with low-fat dip/dressing
Bring your own healthy dish
o See below for ideas

Watch your portion sizes

o Being hungry makes you think you need more than you do

o Take less than you think you want

• A few bites is all it usually takes to satisfy a craving
o Wait at least 15 minutes before returning for more

food

• It takes this long for your brain to register your stomach is full

• Utilize this time to socialize – this is calorie free!
• Socialize away from the tempting food areas

If you know you want a higher calorie option such as dessert, have less of something else

Put a lot of low-calorie and filling foods such as vegetables & fruit onto your plate

Sip on beverages such as water, iced tea without sugar added, coffee, tea, or diet soda to keep your hands busy and to stay hydrated

o Being dehydrated has similar symptoms as being hungry

If you do overeat, eat healthier at your next meal(s)

It is not a good idea to try to lose weight during the holidays

o Enjoy the treats but in moderation

o Aim to maintain your weight and lose weight after the holidays if that is your goal

Include exercise into your schedule during the holidays to help maintain weight

Ideas for healthy dishes to bring:

Vegetable tray with low-fat dip/dressing
Fresh fruit platter
Bean salad

Boiled shrimp/scallops with cocktail sauce or lemon

Brown rice casserole with vegetables

Baked & breaded chicken

using whole-grain bread crumbs

Whole-grain pasta salad with olive oil & vegetables

Platter with low-fat cheese,

nuts, and whole grain crackers

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Will Decorah finishes high school football career at Camp Randall

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Editor

Will Decorah, Ho-Chunk tribal member and starting quarterback for the Waunakee Warriors, finished his high school football career at Camp Randall playing in the Division II WIAA State Championship game. Will is the son of Tim and Sarah Decorah and the grandson of Wayne and the late Renee (Thundercloud) Decorah.

The Warriors played the Homestead Highlanders, who recently moved down to Division II from Division I. The Highlanders scored on their opening drive. Decorah and the Warriors faced a lot of defensive pressure from Homestead in the first half

and throughout the game. Warrior offensive drives were halted inside the ten yard line. Homestead scored another touchdown just before the half.

At the half, Tim Decorah said, "They've been in this situation before. They came back in a couple games this year. Will starts a little bit slow, but finds his groove as the game progresses. We are playing a good team here."

The second half was scoreless for both teams. Waunakee held Homestead to 84 yard in the second half. This was Homestead's first Division II championship and fourth overall; they have three Division I championships. Decorah attempted 42 passes,



Will Decorah, #15, faced a tough Homestead Highlander defense.

which set a Division II record.

Decorah played as backup quarterback for Waunakee's varsity football squad as sophomore and started as defensive end his junior year. He finally got the starting quarterback job during his senior year. The Waunakee Warriors finished the 2012 season with a 12-1 record with Decorah as starting quarterback.

Decorah finished the season with 2,161 passing yards. He had 21 touchdowns and 7 rushing touchdowns.

Tim Decorah is proud of his son for sticking with the

football team. He said, "It's good to see him stay with it instead of losing interest or quitting. It's good for other Ho-Chunk high school football players to hear this story." Will didn't get discouraged by not getting the starting job and seized the opportunity when it presented itself. Tim coached his son's football teams through the Grade 7. He said, "Will hasn't lost a football game since the fifth grade."

Waunakee has been playing for the state title for the past three years. They have been the champions the past two

years and finished as runners up this year.

Will has his sights set on playing college football. He's received offers from several schools: Michigan Tech, Western Illinois, Northern Illinois, and Illinois State.

Tim said, "He's also a pretty good basketball player. They just won their first game against Milwaukee St. Thomas Moore with a score of 67-47. Will only had four practices and came out to score 23 points with 15 rebounds."

Good Luck, Will, in whatever path you choose.



Will Decorah, #15 and the Waunakee Warriors faced the Homestead Highlanders in the WIAA Division II State Championship game.

Wittenberg youth elected to national position

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A Wittenberg Ho-Chunk youth has achieved national recognition.

Skyler Bourdon, son of April LaMere-Bourdon and Scott Bourdon, was elected as Male Member at Large for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). He was elected to the position in October 2012 at a NCAI conference in Sacramento, California.

Bourdon is a junior at Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood High School.

His duties, as member at large, include getting the word out to other youth in different tribes and to see if they are willing to join the NCAI. He also is responsible to get the information out to the other tribal youth.

But before the election, Bourdon needed to give a speech before the NCAI Youth Commission. He admits that he was nervous about giving his speech. Two of the youth who helped Skyler with the speech accompanied him to the convention.

"Other than that, I was on my own," he said.

He had to give his speech to a panel of about 30 to 40 youth, plus advisors. However, only the youth were allowed to vote. Attendance at the event was in the hundreds.

"Skyler was a very important piece to this last trip," said Lanette Walker, Wittenberg Youth Center director and lead advisor. "We started training him for

this conference after the last conference. He was willing to go and try for one of the spots for the new Youth Commission. He was in preparation for his speech for about a week and when it came time to do his speech he was really nervous. He got through it and was elected as Male Member at Large. The Ho-Chunk people, namely the youth, will continue to have representation at the national level."

"It was definitely a big accomplishment," Bourdon said. "I'm still thinking about the duties."

"My main objective is to take what I learned and bring it back to my community."

Bourdon's grandfather on his Mom's side was Angelo LaMere.

"He (LaMere) was very instrumental in the development of our community building in Wittenberg," Walker said. "He also has done much work on the national level and at one time with helping to establish our Nation. I try to encourage him (Bourdon) at times because he never knew his grandfather, but he is getting lessons in what he used to do for our people and I think that is really important for him to know."

The route to the NCAI began years ago when former Legislator Lawrence Walker Jr. suggested for the youth to become involved in the organization.

"He thought it would be a good arena for our young people to learn," Walker

said. "We got permission to go and scout it out. We took Danea Walker and Trenton LittleGeorge and at the time they were both 16. At that time the age for the Youth Commission was 18-25." Walker said. "We didn't know how our young people would fit in there, but we were willing to find out and they were willing to learn."

When they arrived they immediately began to make contact with people from different tribes - not just the tribal leaders, but people of their own age, Walker said.

"It was really amazing to watch them collect business cards and sit in session with the tribal leaders as they were presented with current information that affects tribes of Native America," Walker said.

"At the conference, a new Youth Commission needed to be elected. As they started, Danea asked me why the age for the YC was 18-25. I had no answer for her. I then said, 'well, why don't you ask someone,'" she said.

She did and the Commission didn't have an answer. A four-hour long meeting was held, with the Parliamentarian was called in, to which he couldn't answer why the age was 18-25.

"As a result of Danea's question, the rules were changed and so was the age," Walker said. "It is now 16-23."

Both Danea and Trenton were voted in as Members at Large for the NCAI Youth Commission. Their terms



The Ho-Chunk youth council members had an opportunity to meet Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills. Mills heads an organization called Running Strong for American Indian Youth and is currently working on a suicide prevention initiative. Wittenberg youth attending the National Congress of American Indians posed with Mills. They are (top, from left) Skyler Bourdon, Billy Mills, Lawrence Walker III, (bottom) Jasmyn Collins and Michaela Custodio.

ended October 2012 and are currently both are serving in the Armed Services.

"I went there with really high expectations to find and collect information to use for my Youth Councils back home. I also had expectations that they would have plenty of templates on how to organize and sustain a youth council because they are a national organization. My expectations were not met, and I found out that we were just as organized if not more so than the NCAI Youth Commission. The only difference was that they have a higher level of contacts and resources than we do. With that being written, that is what we do as Advisors with our young people," Walker said.

As a result, she has put together and implemented a number of lessons to use in a resource books for the youth councils. Walker said she hopes to get the youth leaders to a Legislative meeting so they can give a report.

As a result of their involvement in NCAI, the youth have a chance to be leaders on national level, as Bourdon will soon be discovering as he fulfills his duties. He is taking the role as youth leader in his community and currently serves as the vice president of the Pac Hasi Youth Council.

"I'm proud of what happened and that I'm a part of it," he said. "I'm glad to be who I am."

Annita Red Cloud shares her father's legacy with Gebhardt students

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On November 14, Annita Red Cloud shared a presentation about her father, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., to a group of students from Gebhardt Elementary School in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. is a famed Ho-Chunk warrior, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Army, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during the Korean War. Red Cloud has been honored with an

Army camp in Korea and a naval ship named after him.

The presentation took place in Mrs. Emmerich classroom. Annita Red Cloud shared an Armed Forces Radio Service program that retold the story of Red Cloud's day on November 5, 1950, when Chinese forces attacked his forward position at 3:20 a.m. The recording said, "This is the brave and personal account" of Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.

Afterwards, she told the story of her grandmother, Nellie Red Cloud, going to Washington, D.C. in April

1951 to receive her son's Medal of Honor from General Omar Bradley. Red Cloud said, "Omar Bradley was one of the last five-star generals." In 2000, Red Cloud was part of a ceremony in Wisconsin on the 50th Anniversary of her father's glorious and heroic deeds of November 5. She was presented her father's Republic of Korea War Service medal.

She also shared photos of family. The fifth grade class saw personal photos of Red Cloud's parents and heard stories behind them. Annita said, "My parents met in Crane, Indiana. I was raised on Crane Naval Depot. I grew up in Bloomington, Indiana. American Legion folks would raise children of deceased military personnel. My foster father brought me back to the Black River Falls area after seeing photos of my father. The Crane Naval Depot was closed in 2010."

She continued, "My father has an Army camp named in his honor, Camp Red Cloud, in Korea. It is a base similar to the one from the television show, MASH. The camp is situated near the DMZ; on the north side of the DMZ is gravel, and on the south side is concrete. Does

anyone know what North Korea is like?" The kids said it is dark, there's no food, and it isn't modern. One kid said, "If you take a Bible there, you will be killed."

Annita mentioned her father's brothers: Randall and Merlin. She said, "Randall was electrocuted and died in Fort Lewis during his military service. Merlin is the brother who joked with my father about the military during their childhood." She continued, "I donated my father's medal to the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum in Madison, Wisconsin."

Next, Red Cloud told her story about participating in the dedication of USNS Red Cloud, the naval ship named for her father. She said, "I was a sponsor of the ship. The ship is 950 feet long and 11 stories high. I still have the bottle that is in the picture. After it was dedicated, I went to Charleston, South Carolina to help load the ship. The ship's first destination was Diego Garcia, an island off the Eastern coast of Africa. Then it went to Iraq during the first Iraq War."

The day after the presentation Annita said, "Having done several presentations over the years,



Annita Red Cloud at Gebhardt Elementary School in Black River Falls.

the 130 students that were there today were the most exciting ones that I've ever talked with. They were willing to speak out freely about their relatives who were/veterans. They were knowledgeable about Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.'s life story. And they answered questions about North and South Korea that some adults can't. It was the speaker today that walked away being thankful."



Annita Red Cloud shared family photos during her presentation about her father, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.

Black River Falls Girls Hockey team wins season opener

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday night the Black River Falls girl's hockey team traveled to Baraboo for their season opener against the Badger Thunder co-op hockey team.

The Thunder rallied in the last period to tie the visiting team but could not stop the Black River Falls squad from pulling ahead in the last period.

Black River Falls went ahead in the final period two minutes after a Thunder goal and added two more scores late, including one on a power play with less than a minute left in the game.

Black River Falls goalie Miranda Jessie stopped 30

shots for the win.

The Black River Falls team consists of five Ho-Chunk tribal members.

Team co-captain Anissa Flick, Zayta Thundercloud and Lydia Cloud are all seniors and waiting to see where they will continue their education. Sophomore Destiny Muir and freshman Tori Cleveland will hopefully continue to play with the team next year.

Phyllis Smoke mother of Tori Cleveland, said her daughter is a freshman this year and appearing in her first game with Black River Falls high school team. Tori has been playing hockey for three years.

The high school team has only been together for three years or so with some financial help from the Nation they will continue to carry on this fairly new tradition.

Mark Thundercloud's daughter Zayta, a senior has been playing since she was about six years old. "In college she may go on to play if time permits but is more focused on academics," Mark said.

The team had a strong showing in their first game this year and will only get better as the season goes on. Black River Falls 6, Badger

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Scoring summary
First period: BRF - Natasha Hizer, 5:04; Lydia Cloud (Brittany Zillmer), 5:20; BT - Leigh Stawinoga (Katherine VanderSchaaf), 14:04(pp). BRF - Zayta Thundercloud, 16:50.

Second period: Rachel Pawlak (Allison Blada), 8:45.

Third period: VanderSchaaf (Stawinoga), 1:28(pp). Miranda Hizer (Hannah Hodge), 3:16; Hizer, 12:37; Kacie Suchanek (Lydia Cloud), 16:44(pp).

Saves: BT - Jamie Dutton 33, BRF - Miranda Jessie 30



Hockey player Tori Cleveland with her mother, Phyllis Smoke.



Destiny Muir



Zayta Thundercloud on defense.



Lydia Cloud squares off.



Team co-captain Anissa Flick

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Peace & Dignity Journey leads to gift exchange

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On November 16, Ho-Chunk tribal elder and Traditional Court-Eagle Clan leader, Preston Thompson, hosted a ceremony to exchange gifts with Guatemalan spiritual leaders. Thompson also invited a couple of other clan leaders; in attendance for the gift exchange were Thomas Hopinkah, Thunder Clan Leader, and Morgan WhiteEagle, Native American Church Clan Leader.

Thompson opened up his home to the hosts of the Guatemalan leaders to have the ceremony. Thompson said, "When the runners came through one of the ladies came up to me as we were meeting and greeting one another. I introduced myself in the Ho-Chunk language and translated my name to the Eagle King. Once she heard my name, she looked surprised and said, 'You're the one! I have a gift for you.' The lady was told to give a certain gift to the Ho-Chunk Nation Eagle Clan leader.

When the Guatemalan lady arrived at Thompson's home, she wanted to give the gift and do a ceremony right away. So a fire was lit, the gifts were presented, as a ceremony was done by the fire. From her large backpack, she presented Thompson with a crystal, a stone, a piece of wood, and a case. Inside the case was four seeds; seeds of corn and beans. She said, "They told me to tell you to plant these, so we can share this origin of life together. We give four seeds, because we have four elements and four seasons. Also inside there is a canelo and a peso."

Thompson prepared a gift from three Ho-Chunk Nation religious beliefs; he gave Guatemalan leaders some sweet grass, peyote, and tobacco. He said, "Give this to them. You can open it, or just present it to them like it is." The Guatemalan lady said she deliver it to the spiritual leaders in early December.

Next, everyone went out by the fire and united in prayer and made offerings by the fire. The lady said in Guatemala they burnt candles as offerings. They also had other

medicinal plants as offerings.

Everyone said a prayer or sang a song. After the ceremony was complete, everyone went inside to share a meal together. Thompson said thanks to everyone for coming and invited them back for another night of prayer and sharing. He said, "I'm going to build a ciproke out by the fire so we can keep warm. We'll have another ceremony on December 21, everyone is invited to come back at that time too." December 21 is the winter solstice and the supposed "Doomsday" caused by the end of the Aztec calendar.

Thompson shared an informational handout from www.spiritwheel.com about the Eagle and Condor prophecy. Here are some excerpts from that:

The Journey never ends. This is the prayer of Peace & Dignity that the Eagle and Condor Confederation be reestablished again.

History of Peace and Dignity Journeys: Spirituality is Responsibility!

In 1989 a group of indigenous people in Chicago were concerned with the Prophecy of the Eagle and Condor time that was nearing. This time was marked and recorded on the Sacred Stone Calendar of the Mexica People. (This calendar is incorrectly known as the "Aztec Calendar" named by the anthropologists that dug it up in what is presently known as "Mexico".)

The formation of a confederation that would serve towards the spiritual reconnecting of our Sacred Fires in the whole of Turtle Island was the topic of many dialogues that entailed how such a task could be accomplished. It was decided that the time has come to move in this direction as it is our responsibility as the descendants of the Mexica Peoples to do so.

We are not waiting for other to decide for us or for permission from any two-legged. We prayed for the blessing and help of our Grand Creator and our ancestors to guide us in this way. These dialogues were not new to the thinking of individuals in Chicago but were in fact a continuation of many dialogues in this



Peace & Dignity Journey runners at the District 1 Community Center. Indigenous runners from the tips of North and South America will meet in Guatemala.

regard by our people over many years when all nations of indigenous peoples were passing down the prophecies and legends to the next generations and at a time in this century when the ceremonies and Sacred Fires were being maintained or rekindled for the purpose of our spiritual health and development.

The call by many contemporary elders and spiritual leaders to return to the original ways was being heeded by many young people from the cities and reservations and all walks of life here in the North.

They began their Journeys to heal themselves and increase their understanding of the sacred ways and ceremonies. We learn about the responsibility and the risks many of the spiritual leaders took to protect this way of life that came under attack by the invasion and holocaust of our ancestors over 500 years ago. Not one indigenous nation today can claim that their original way of life was not thwarted, repressed or banned in some way by the Nation States that were formed without their participation, consent, or consultation.

Even today, legislation by these

governments does not recognize our Way of life let alone provide protection for it. In some cases, as in the "United States", the Native American Religious Freedom Act was diluted so it has no teeth. So we move forward as we are accountable to Grandfather and Grandmother and the instructions of our ancestors.

The dialogues continued and a man named Alphonso Perez had the idea of making an intercontinental prayer that would coincide with the timing of the cyclical change. Spiritual Running would be the method by which this prayer could be accomplished. This intercontinental run would be one of many steps that would reveal themselves in this cycle towards the healing of our people and our sacred Mother Earth. This is why the run began to be organized in the late 80's.

The group of people in Chicago organized and incorporated the name of Peace & Dignity Journeys. They also put their time and attention to taking on the task of being the main coordination body for the 1992 run. The president was Aurelio Diaz Tekpankali who had worked prior

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HAGA elders honored for their inspiration

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Sometimes the most important aspect of playing golf is not obtaining the best score. Sometimes it's all about interacting with other people and how you can help and be a mentor to others.

Myrtle Funmaker and Lawrence Thundercloud are such people, participating in golf events throughout their lives.

For their generous spirit, they recently were awarded the "Inspirational Award" from the Ho-Chunk Area Gold Association (HAGA) in a presentation ceremony at Skyline Golf Course, Black River Falls.

They have shown by example sportsmanship and gamesmanship – the integrity needed in the game of golf to those who share their love of the game.

"For the youth, learning to play golf is not just about developing a skill," said HAGA President Ralph Snake. "It's about learning etiquette, such as learning to be quiet and respectful when other players are making a shot. Sometimes it's about

anger control. Youth learn not to become angry when a ball flies off into the rough or a short putt is missed."

Funmaker and Thundercloud have offered their wisdom through the years to developing golfers.

Through the years, the HAGA program has had numerous golfers as participants. This year, there were seven junior players, who displayed their skills on the links.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation has many notable golfers and, with practice and dedication, those who are lacking at the moment will join the ranks," Snake said. "The Memorial golf outings are attended by all and through these events we show our young adults the love and commitment we have for family and the game of golf."

Golf has its own set of rules, ethics, dress codes, and is played with truth, integrity and honor, Snake said.

"Over the years we have reached some of our young adults with these values and they have grown and now raising their own families, when time permits, they

enjoy our golf outings," he said. "We have more work before us as our children's children are learning the game of golf, which means they are not sitting in front of the television watching movies or playing video games for hours. They are out with mom, dad, siblings or their friends, learning and enjoying the game in sunshine and fresh air. This is one of the many benefits of golf – exercise."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature appropriated funds for partially funding a golf tour. By doing so, the event participants become the Nation's goodwill ambassadors, he said.

"We thank the Legislature for the support given over the years," Snake said.

"These events are enjoyed by both Tribal and non-Tribal members," Snake said. "Many of the non-tribal participants are spouses of tribal members, family and friends or are employees of the Nation. The golf outings are enjoyed by all. During these tournaments, the game of golf has brought all the participants together and through team selection



HAGA President Ralph Snake presents the "Inspirational Award" plaque to Myrtle Funmaker during a recent ceremony. Present were (from left) Elliot Blackdeer, Wade Blackdeer, Ralph Snake, Myrtle Funmaker, Garrett Blackdeer and Carolyn Blackdeer. Lawrence Thundercloud was not available at the time of the photo.

by luck of the draw, they spend time with the team talking, laughing and making decisions of shots to make after the round and they have a better understanding of each other."

The tournament was the idea of one of the founders of HAGA, the late Bert Funmaker. His legacy to the

Nation was his life and how he lived it, Snake said. He foresaw the opportunity to gather tribal members and employees to interact with one another in a non-business setting, thus changing mindsets and preconceived ideas of what a Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member and golfer is, Snake said.

About Native American Heritage Month

Information courtesy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued,

Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York.

Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

Week in the Wisconsin Dells School District



Ho-Chunk student drummers pose for pictures before their performance.

November 11-17, 2012

The exact date this tradition started in the Wisconsin Dells School District is not known, according to Lance Tallmadge, the high schools' Native American student services coordinator, K-12.

"It was in place long before I got here and probably a parent committee that organized this before I came on. This is a week long, district wide observance that has activities in classrooms where teaching staff adjusts their curriculum to look into not only Ho-Chunk culture, but also Native culture in general," Lance said.

When asked when he got involved in the student services position Lance said he was first employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department as a liaison in the Dells schools and after the position of student services coordinator opened up, the school district called Lance and asked him if he was interested in the job. Of course, he took the job. That was 16 years ago.

This week long event is a part of the Native American Heritage Month.

Every year the school district sets aside classroom time for talks and cultural programs that may give students a look at Native life, history and even foods.



Myshell Mike and other dancers perform for the student body.

Lance explained how the high school students took the lead in planning the events of the week, which included dance and music.

Several Ho-Chunk speakers came in to some of the classes. Eli Youngthunder and Andy Thundercloud presented the moccasin game to math classes at the middle and high school.

Sherman Funmaker came in again to speak to the creative writing class and also the media arts class about writing and the film process.

On Friday, like every Friday if this annual event a group of singers and dancers made their way around all of the district schools to put on a

performance for students and faculty.

"The highlight of the week is, of course the day the Ho-Chunk students get served fry bread for lunch," Lance laughs.

Lance said that although this event is a step in the right direction, as far as bringing Ho-Chunk culture to local students and faculty, there needs to be more done in bringing Ho-Chunk teachings to students and instructors.

The Wisconsin Dells School District is the home of about 155 Ho-Chunk kids, second in the state to the Black River Falls school District.



Wisconsin Dells High School students make traditional Native American fry bread Wednesday. The school celebrated Native American Awareness Week, Nov. 12 - 16. Students and Ho-Chunk Nation members Cheyenne Mike, Justine Rasha, Erika Houghton, Tianna Decorah, Alyssa Boivin and Evelyn Funmaker make the dough.

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to all this and to present time on the formation of the Confederation of the Eagle and Condor. The volume of work has taken years.

This was not just an activity limited to 1992. It was decided that Alphonso would go in the four directions of the Northern Hemisphere and Francisco Melo would go to the South to find relatives that were willing to put time and attention towards the prayer. Tekpankalli went to many nations and communities as well to pray and hold ceremonies with our relatives that had invited Peace & Dignity there. Each time the elders told him "we've been

waiting for you". In each community that still held the memory of their peoples they told many stories of the Prophecy.

Each step we have made has verified our vision, dream, and beliefs. There are many who have doubt. There have been many obstacles to our peoples because of doubt. We have no doubt in the Great Spirit and the steps we are making. There is no room for doubt in any of this work including the work it takes to make this run possible again. Erasing the doubt is part of the healing of 500 years of genocide and colonization.

Black River Falls Board of Education meets at Ho-Chunk Nation

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department Executive Director Adrienne Thunder (right) welcomes members of the Black River Falls Board of Education. For the first time in history, the Board of Education met for a regular monthly meeting at the Ho-Chunk Nation on Monday, Nov. 19.

Board President Mary Jo Rozmenoski said that the meeting was scheduled at the Tribal Office Building because November is Native American Awareness month and the school district has a great working relationship with the Ho-Chunk Nation. Tina Boisen, tribal member and employee of the HCN Education Department, is a member of the Board of Education, along with Laurel Meek, who is the director of the HCN Headstart Program.



Ho-Chunk Nation holds employee Thanksgiving meal

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

A Thanksgiving meal was provided to all Ho-Chunk Nation employees in the atrium of the Tribal Office Building on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Each department was responsible for supplying one category of food for the meal.

The line of employees was long, as usual every year, but well worth the wait.



Dana Pettibone and Henning Garvin do their best to get the food ready for the hungry and anxious employees.



Myrtle Long offers prayer of thanks to the Creator before the annual employee Thanksgiving meal.



Algie Wolters (left) and Collin Price make sure everything is hot and ready to go for the annual Thanksgiving meal.



Michelle Greendeer-Rave (left) and Alana DeCora-Ayesh are happy to provide some sweets to the dessert table.

HO-CHUNK NATION

House of Wellness Lifeguard Certification Class

S2845 White Eagle Rd. Baraboo, WI 53913

Ph.1-888-560-4616/355-5155 ext. 5519

Email-cheryl.kidd@ho-chunk.com



MUST PRE-REGISTER AT HOW POOL OFFICE

Class is limited to 14 students –

MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION!

Call Cheryl Kidd-Aquatic Supervisor HOW, LGI, WSI, CPO, AFO, Zumba Aqua Instructor

(608) 355-5155 ext. 5519 For any questions.

House of Wellness Lifeguard Certification Class Schedule

Wednesday	December 26	8am-5pm	Thursday	December 27	8am-5pm
Friday	December 28	8am-5pm	Saturday	December 29	8am-5pm

(Must Attend All Days, Bring lunch, snacks and drink)

FREE to HO-CHUNK Members
Ho-Chunk Youth encouraged to attend

HOW Members cost-\$200.00

Community Members cost-\$250.00

10% Discount if registered by Dec 1, 2012-Payment must be paid in full-No refunds



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE DUNE

Ho-Chunk Day celebration held in Tomah

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Youth and elders alike joined in the Ho-Chunk Day festivities at the Tomah Fairgrounds on Nov. 23. Besides being provided with a meal, attendees could participate in several games and activities, which often proved comical.

Children played musical chairs, competed in a pie-eating contest, danced and broke open a piñata. Adults had caricatures drawn and competed in a "Switch Dance Contest" in which the women danced like men and the men danced like women.



There is one objective when dealing with a piñata: to bust it open. This little guy makes his best Babe Ruth impersonation in winding up to send it to the moon.



The end result of breaking open the piñata is the candy on the floor, which is quickly scooped up by eager children waiting for the right moment.



Youth wear a whipped cream face as they participate in the "Blow it Game." The children had to chew gum, then eat Redi-Whip from a pie tin, and then blow a bubble. They had to do all this without using their hands.



Women gave it their all when dancing like men, to the amusement of the audience, in their turn in the Switch Dance Contest.



Local artists gave it their best embellished impression of their subjects as they draw caricatures while the crowd watched on.



Men get their turn in the Switch Dance Contest, giving their best impressions of the way they think women dance.



Around and around the youth go, waiting for the music to stop in a game of musical chairs. Then, it's every child for himself or herself.

Education Department holds Open House

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

After more than a month of renovation, the Ho-Chunk Education Department is open again, this time with a new bright and cheery atmosphere.

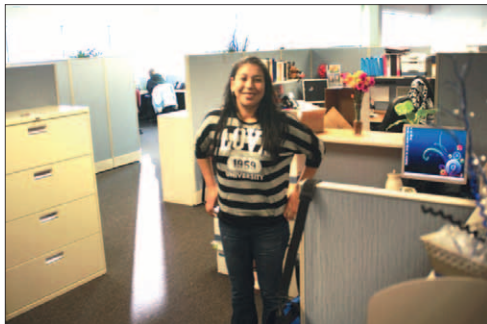
An Open House and Thank You Breakfast was held on Monday, Nov. 26.

At the event, Education Department Executive Director Adrienne Thunder welcomed staff and visitors

and told the story of how the new surroundings came about. President Jon Greendeer offered his blessings and anecdotes, along with Administration Director Mike Rave, who thanked all people involved with the process.

The Education department relocated out of its office on Oct. 8 to the Veterans

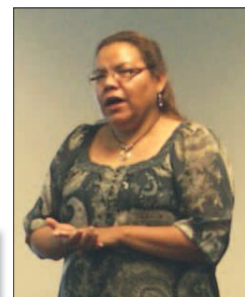
Building, which began the whole process. The walls were painted, new carpet was laid, and new furniture and cubicle walls were placed in position. The staff returned to their office in the Tribal Office Building, all new and ready to go, on Wednesday, Nov. 14.



Neva Littlegeorge displays the Education Department's new surroundings, including new desks, cubicle walls, carpet and wall paint.



Melissa Lowe (left) and Leslie Falcon work on a computer program in the new cubicle arrangement in the remodeled Education Department.



Ho-Chunk Education Department Executive Director Adrienne Thunder offers her welcome to the Open House and Thank You Breakfast. Thunder expressed her gratitude to the Maintenance Department and Information Technology staffs for making the moves efficient.

District 2 Legislative Trip Report

President Obama election night party

Submitted by LORINDA BIRD – District 2 Legislative Aide

On November 6, 2012, District 2 Legislator - Jim Greendeer, Rep. Two

Bears and Rep. Weber and I (Lorinda Bird-District 2 Legislative Aide) were in Chicago, IL to attend President Obama's election night festivities. One by one



Lorinda Bird congratulating our 44th President of the United States- Barack Obama. "Congratulations Mr. President on your victory. My name is Lorinda Bird, of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and I look forward to seeing what you do for our people and all Native Americans."



Rep. Greendeer and Vice President Biden. Rep. Greendeer congratulating VP Biden "on the victory for Native Americans and Veterans."

voter's throughout Indian Country and our country as a whole cast their vote and let their voice be heard on Election Day, November 6, 2012. As we are aware of the importance we have as Ho-Chunk Nation members and proud Native Americans, our obligation and the right to vote, we made our way to Chicago for this landmark event. With so many of the Ho-Chunk Nation's programs Health Care, Education, Housing, Land's and Gaming at stake, it is imperative that our voices be heard by the President of the United States. President Obama, like no other President that I can recall, has taken the initiative to maintain a presence in Indian Country, to include our people in his vision of progress for all Americans.

The atmosphere as we entered McCormick Place was electric. You could feel the significance of being a part of history. We were honorary guests that night filling the room with politicians from around the country, movie stars and musicians, and the ever diligent campaign coordinators, promoters, fund raisers and volunteers for President Obama. As the night went on votes came in from around the country and were televised on jumbo screens as each state closed its polling places, their respective state tally's were declared to exuberant applause and cheers as more and more votes were victories for the Democratic party and for President Obama.

In the main room they had two bands and you could feel the energy. I just happened to be in there when President Obama was declared the



President Obama Victory Speech



(From L-R Rep. Greendeer, Lorinda Bird, Rep. Two Bears, Rep. Weber)

winner! It was amazing as the crowd went crazy. It takes my breath away just recalling that moment, as people were hugging strangers, high fiving one another, American flags waving - in one word it was exuberant. As I made way back to the VIP room it was just as exciting as the high-fiving continued all the way back. I was fortunate to have met some wonderful people there and they saved my place in the front row of the stage area. I would soon be lucky

enough to witness President Obama's victory speech and to give him my personal congratulations.

The night of November 6, 2012 is a night I will never forget, as it was the night I was hugged by Mrs. Michelle Obama and hugged and kissed by President Obama, as I witnessed another page of American history.

Ho-Chunk guitarist leads his band

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Clint Greendeer picked up his first guitar at 15. He hasn't put it down since. You can tell by giving his music a listen. His band, *Guardian* is an up and coming group in the Madison music scene and this young guitarist leads this four man metal ensemble that has been together for three years.

Clint got into his first band, *A Tale of Deception* in 2007. It was based out of Reedsburg. He was in that

band for 2 years.

Through playing and meeting other musicians during that time his present band, *Guardian*, came about.

The youngest son of Janet and Conroy Greendeer Sr., Clint is a graduate of Baraboo High School and 21 years old. While there his interest in music came about when he met a guitar player that helped him get started.

At that time also he played with another Ho-Chunk musician, Collins Funmaker,

a keyboardist. Clint explained that Collins actually helped form the band they were playing with. They played together for just a short time before Collins parted ways to pursue other interests.

His playing and performing in last few years has encouraged him to get into the recording and producing process. He sees it as a great opportunity to further his involvement in the music business. His latest CD release is entitled "The Alignment" which he wrote and helped produce.

Most of the writing responsibility falls on Clint and he takes on that task with an open ear and musically he uses many different influences. His playing and melodies are put together with a metal flavor that mixes well and is quite thought provoking.

He describes his sound as progressive metal. "Screaming singer and distortion guitar" Clint explains.



Guitarist Clint Greendeer.

Some of his music influences are Blink 182, Green Day and Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band stays busy in and around the Midwest right now with their sight on a record deal and the label support that they need to get to the next level.

When asked if he sings... Clint said "No, but I sing pow-wow songs."

His upbringing is important and at some point he wants

to be fluent in the Ho-Chunk language.

Clint is another young talented Ho-Chunk man that has his head on straight and his future bright. *Guardian* consists of Clint Greendeer, Anthony Fioravanti, Kyle Havlicek, Stephan Bud May and Ryan Michael Smith.

To learn more about Clint and his band please go to guardiansmusic.com or visit him on Facebook.



Guardian

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls supports American Cancer Society Walk/Run

Submitted by Tris Harris
Senior Manager-Public
Relations

On September 11, 2012, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented a check to the Jackson County American Cancer Society to sponsor their Walk/Run on October 13, 2012. This is the first year that they have been asked to sponsor and of course, they stepped up to help as they do with Monroe County's Relay for Life every year by presenting Kathryn Nelson, the ACS' Midwest Public Relations Representative a check for \$2500.

"Being able to help out our fellow community members in Jackson County who are dealing with this terrible disease is something that we are always happy to do" says HCG-BRF Executive Manager, Greg Garvin.

"This disease affects almost all of us in some way, whether it's one of us, our family members, co-workers or friends, we are always trying to find ways to help with a sponsorship or even with our employees joining the fight by starting a team for the Walk/Run." Angie Melbye, Team Captain for Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls gave a speech at the opening ceremony bringing in the way that Cancer has affected her loved ones.

HCG-BRF will continue to support each year's Walk/Run as long as they have them and their employees will also support this cause by participating in the Walk/Run as they have done this year. The Ho-Chunk Nation employees within Jackson County will also be participating along with the Casino employees. Our team



(l-r): Melissa Marg-Deloney, Hotel Front Desk Manager, Angie Melbye, Marketing Assistant & Walk/Run Team Captain, Kathryn Nelson ACS' Midwest Public Relations Rep., Nora Young, Graphic Designer, Tris Harris, Sr. Mgr of Public Relations and Christine Brown, Training and Development Specialist.

came in 3rd in fundraising for the Walk/Run by raising \$1997. We are proud that

between the Casino's donation and the fundraising done by the team we were able to give

the Jackson County ACS area almost \$4500!

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Ho-Chunk Nation Beloit Casino Project, City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin.

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in connection with the Ho-Chunk Nation (Nation) application for a proposed 33-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project to be located in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. This notice also announces a public scoping meeting to identify potential issues and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS must arrive by December 26, 2012. The public scoping meeting will be held on December 13, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. until the last public comment is received.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Ms. Diane Rosen, Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55347. Please include your name, return address, and "DEIS Scoping Comments, Ho-Chunk Nation Beloit Casino Project" on the first page of your written comments. The public scoping meeting will be held in the auditorium of Aldrich Middle School, 1859 Northgate Drive, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Doig, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55347; Phone (612) 725-4514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed action would transfer approximately 33 acres of land from fee to trust status, upon which the Nation would develop a casino, hotel, parking, and other supporting facilities. The property is located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Beloit, WI. Areas of environmental concern identified for analysis in the EIS include land resources, water resources, air quality, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, resource use patterns, traffic and transportation, public health/environmental hazards, public services and utilities, socioeconomic, environmental justice, and visual resources/aesthetics. Alternatives identified for analysis include the proposed action, a no-action commercial (non-gaming) construction alternative, a no-action no-construction alternative, a reduced-intensity development alternative, and an alternative site location alternative. The range of issues and alternatives are open to revision based on comments received in response to this notice. Additional information, including a map of the project site, is available by contacting the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice. Other related approvals may be required to implement the project, including approval of the Nation's fee-to-trust application, determination of the site's eligibility for gaming, compliance with the Clean Water Act, and local service agreements. To the extent applicable, the EIS will identify and evaluate issues related to these approvals.

PUBLIC COMMENT AVAILABILITY

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the ADDRESSES section, during



Address of HCN Land in the city of Beloit: 2603 Colley Road, Beloit, WI 53511

regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.

AUTHORITY: This notice is published in accordance with sections 1503.1 and 1506.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4345 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

DATED: November 26, 2012.

Salazar announces final steps on Cobell Litigation and Implementation of Settlement

Settlement includes land consolidation program to help promote tribal self-determination and strengthen economic development

Submitted by Blake Androff, US Dept. of Interior

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today lauded the final approval of the Cobell settlement and outlined steps that Interior will take to help implement the historic \$3.4 billion settlement. The settlement resolves a long-running class action lawsuit regarding the U.S. government's trust management and historical accounting of individual American Indian trust accounts. It became final on November 24, 2012, following action by the Supreme Court and expiration of the appeal period.

"With the settlement now final, we can put years of discord behind us and start a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship," said Salazar. "Today marks another historic step forward in President Obama's agenda of reconciliation and empowerment for Indian Country and begins a new era of trust administration."

The settlement includes a \$1.5 billion fund to be distributed to class members for accounting and potential trust fund and asset mismanagement claims. The settlement also includes a \$1.9 billion fund for a land consolidation program that allows for the voluntary sale of individual land interests that have "fractionated," or split among owners, over successive generations. Fractionated land can have many owners – sometimes hundreds or more – diminishing the land's value and making it difficult for individuals to use the land for agriculture, business development, or housing from which tribes can benefit. Up to \$60 million of the \$1.9 billion fund may be set aside to provide scholarships for American Indians and Alaska Natives to attend college or vocational school.

"This marks the historic conclusion of a contentious and long running period of litigation," said Hilary

Tompkins, Solicitor for the Department of the Interior. "Through the hard work and good will of plaintiffs, Interior and Treasury officials and Department of Justice counsel, we are turning a new page and look forward to collaboratively working with Indian country to manage these important funds and assets."

Payments to Claimants
The Claims Administrator will now begin overseeing disbursement of the \$1.5 billion to nearly 500,000 class members. The court previously approved GCG, Inc., as the Claims Administrator. The Department of the Treasury will transfer the \$1.5 billion to an account at JP Morgan Chase, a bank approved by the court. Per the terms of the settlement agreement, Interior's Office of the Special Trustee (OST) has assisted GCG with its database by supplying contact information of individual class members from its records.

"We will continue to work with GCG to ensure it has the information it needs to make expeditious and accurate payments," Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes said. "At the same time, we're focused on making meaningful improvements to our trust administration so that we're more transparent, responsive and accountable in managing these substantial funds and assets."

Trust Land Consolidation Program

The Department of the Interior will use \$1.9 billion from the Trust Land Consolidation Fund to acquire interests in trust and restricted lands that have "fractionated" over successive generations since the 1880s.

Individual owners will be paid fair market value for such interests with the understanding that the acquired interests will remain in trust and be consolidated for beneficial use by tribal communities. Interested sellers may convey their fractional interests on a voluntary basis. Currently, there are over 2.9 million fractional interests owned by approximately 260,000 individuals.

While the settlement was pending, Interior held a series of consultation meetings with tribes in 2011 to ensure that this landmark program incorporates tribal priorities and promotes tribal participation in reducing land fractionation in a timely

and efficient way. These discussions informed a draft land consolidation plan released in February of 2012. Interior is incorporating public comments and expects to release an updated plan by the end of the year for additional consultation.

"The land consolidation program is our chance to begin to solve a fractionation problem that has plagued Indian country for decades," said Interior Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn. "We are anxious to get started. We know that Interior's continued outreach through consultations with Indian Country is a crucial component to accomplishing truly open government-to-government communication"

Congress approved the Cobell settlement on November 30, 2010 as part of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. President Obama signed the legislation on December 8, 2010. The district court approved the Cobell settlement on August 4, 2011 and it has been upheld through the appeals process.

For additional information about the individual class-action payments, please contact GCG, Inc. at 1-800-961-6109 or via email at Info@IndianTrust.com. For additional information on the Trust Land Consolidation Program, please visit <http://www.doi.gov/cobell/index.cfm>

Youth Career and Family Resource Expo

Ho-Chunk Families and students 3rd-12th grade are invited!

December 1st, 2012
Noon to 4:00pm
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Registration starts at 11:00am

Fun and interactive workshops are available for parents to learn more about services offered for our Ho-Chunk students!

Lunch will be provided!

Prizes!

Workshops available for youth will be facilitated by colleges and statewide organizations through hands-on activities!

• There will not be child care available for children younger than 3rd grade at this event.

Please contact Jordan Kappen for more information

(715) 284-4915 ex. 1061

www.ho-chunknation.com/highered

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Attention

We, the **Ladies Auxiliary of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post #129 Black River Falls,**

wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We know at time we take our freedoms for granted, we forget the sacrifices made by our present day Warriors and those Veterans of previous wars and peace times. Sometimes we forget to say "Thank You" for their service.

At this time we are in need of help from you, we have tried to compile a list of Veterans and present day service personnel, our plan is to send out Christmas cards, but we have run into red-tape each step of the way. This list will be used by our auxiliary unit only, it will not be made available to any other organization for mailings or any other reason.

To all those families of the Ho-Chunk Nation that wish to help us please send us the Veterans/Service Personnel's name and address. We have a short time span to accomplish this task we assigned to ourselves, we hope you will respond to our request.

To all the Warriors "thank you" for your service and protecting our ways of life.

May God Bless America

Andrew Blackhawk Ladies Auxiliary Post #129

P.O. Box 945

Black River Falls, WI. 54615



**SATURDAY, DEC 8, 2012 SAVE
THE DATE**

PAUL KRAUSE—CHAIR
FORREST FUNMAKER—CO-CHAIR
VICKI BROWN EAGLE—SECRETARY

HO-CHUNK CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TASK FORCE'S BLOCK PARTY

ALL HO-CHUNK TRIBAL MEMBERS INVITED!

*"Learn about the constitution and have fun! Let
your voice be heard in a good way."*

Agenda

9 am registration
Introduction

Open Forum

Must be registered no
Later than 10 am to be
In drawings

Prizes

Win

**1821 University Ave
Suite # 409N
St. Paul Minnesota**

9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

**DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION? DON'T WORRY NEITHER DO
WE....JUST KIDDING. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMENTS. JOIN US
FOR A GREAT DAY OF LEARNING, FOOD AND PRIZES! Must be 18 and over to win.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Attorney-Child Support

Black River Falls, WI. 54615

Qualifications: Member of the Wisconsin State Bar or eligible for admission within 9 months of employment. Licensed or eligible to practice law in Federal Bar. Entry level to five (5) years of experience. Litigation and advocacy experience. Must become and maintain membership in the Ho-Chunk Bar Association.

We offer 401(K), Health, Dental, Vision, and Life benefits.

APPLICATION and RESUME

Please submit to:
Ho-Chunk Nation
Department of Personnel
P.O. Box 667 Black River Falls, WI. 54615
(800) 232-0086 FAX: (715) 284-9465

**Deadline:
OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

See our jobs online at: www.ho-chunknation.com

December Elders Birthdays

1. Carol Calkins	15. Amelia Ortiz
Gilman Lincoln Jr.	17. Melford Rockman
2. Leslie Pettibone	18. Gloria Visintin
Timothy Thompson	Jean Climer
Cecelia Dobbs	19. Charles Smith
Eliot Littlejohn	Bernice Whitegull
3. Dale WhiteEagle	Errol Mrotek
5. Sharon Thompson	Gregory Lonetree
Wanda Rose	22. Ollie Heth
6. Andre Delarosa	Lawrence La Mere
Rose Marie Funmaker	23. Levi Blackdeer
Don Whitewater	Waldo Stacy
8. Jess Whitewater	Carol Lastrup
Margaret Showers	24. Ralph Decorah
Shirley Reed	Christina La Mere
9. Maribeth Devich	Mary Myers
Sarah Lyons	25. Ronald Anwash
Linda Revels	James Hellerud
Patricia Logan	Meredith Decorah
Nina Garvin	Mary Taylor
Rosemary Thundercloud	Dorothy Young
10. Kathlyn Hodge	27. Keith Dick
11. Joycelyn Buchanan	Joy Lightstorming
Eileen Blackdeer	28. Gary Lonetree Sr.
12. Chloris Lowe Sr.	29. Sharyn Buchanan
Virzena Kofol	Audrey Beverly Conner
Edward Lonetree Jr.	Emma Weise
Byron Steele	30. Frank Dikeman
13. Lorenzo Funmaker	31. Anita Whiteeagle
Rosemarie Davison	Winneshick




NEW HORIZONS:

Enhancing Partnerships & Creating Opportunities
Annual Tribal Transportation Conference
Lake of the Torches Resort Casino
510 Old Abe Rd., Lac du Flambeau, WI
December 11-12, 2012

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Office of Business Opportunity & Equity Compliance, Tribal Affairs along with the College of Menominee Nation present this year's Tribal Transportation Conference. It's an opportunity for state, tribal, federal and transportation construction professionals to come together and increase their knowledge of governmental and transportation initiatives of the 11 tribes of Wisconsin and the WisDOT.

Sessions included: WisDOT tribal initiatives, transportation safety, cultural resources and preservation, and an overview of WisDOT and Bureau of Indian Affairs construction project opportunities.

Register under www.wisdottribaltaskforce.org until December 5th. Or contact WisDOT Tribal Liaison Kelly Jackson at (608) 266-3761.



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISIONS:

Youth Services Child and Family Services
Community Support Services Tribal Aging
Child Support Enforcement

Department of Social Services

LOOKING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Role of the Board Member:

- 1) The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director.
 - a) The Board shall not be a policy making body.
 - b) The Board shall be involved in the Department's social services planning.
 - c) The Board shall be consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the *Appropriations and Budget Process Meetings Act*. (2 HCC § 2).
 - d) Whether a Director can be an immediate family member of a Legislator, the President, or the appointed staff of the President shall be controlled by the *Open Meetings Act* (2 HCC § 2).
 - e) Director vacancies shall be posted pursuant to the requirements of the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 13).
- 2) Qualifications: the advisory board member shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendation to the Executive Director.
- 3) The advisory board members shall be subject to the Nation's law regarding nepotism and conflicts of interest.

Please send resume to P.O. Box 40, Black River Falls, WI. 54615 – Attention: Social Services Executive Staff.

PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-2622 Toll Free 1-888-343-8190
CFS Intake 715-284-7749 Toll Free 1-855-659-8820
www.ho-chunknation.com

Monthly Board Meeting-Rescheduled For Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HUD)

Meeting: Thursday, ~~November 29, 2012~~
Rescheduled for:

Thursday, December 6th, 2012 6:00 PM
HHCA at Tomah,

corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue
Board: Lee Brown Jr., Amos Kingsley, Colin Carrimon, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Lisa Stroessner, Cheri Byhre, Terrence Johnson, John Dall, Gerald Cleveland, Leonard Walker, and Francis Decorah.

Agenda items by noon, Nov. 29th, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
HHCA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222
Fax: (608) 374-1251

ATTENTION VETERANS

The Veterans Home Ownership Policy will go out for a 45 day review from November 21, 2012 to February 5, 2013. Copies are available at the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Veterans Affairs. Please review the policy we are asking for your comments...

If you have questions please call this office and we will assist you.

Ho-Chunk Nation
Department of Veterans Affairs
1-866-505-4793 Toll Free

ATTENTION HO-CHUNK NATION ELDERS ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Following are the guidelines for fuel assistance available through the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit. Please contact your nearest TAU mealsite or call (715) 284-0811 for an application.

1. Complete TAU Energy Assistance Application
 - a. To be eligible for fuel assistance, Elder must be age 60 or older.
 - b. Elder must reside in their own home. TAU will not pay any bill unless the name of the elder is on the bill.
 - c. Must provide the most recent utility/heating bill (if sole source of heat is electric/natural gas).
 - d. TAU will not pay for fuel ordered by the elder. TAU will order the fuel and pay the vendor directly.
 - e. Applicant's signature gives TAU permission to contact utility companies to verify information.
 - f. A maximum of 200 gallons of fuel, or equivalent market value, will be approved on a one-time basis during the Ho-Chunk Nation fiscal calendar year, July 1st to June 30th.

Office of the General Council Announcements

General Council Agency Meeting Postings:

The next scheduled GCA Regular Meeting is at 7:00 PM on Friday November 9th, 2012 at the Mission Warehouse in Black River Falls, WI

General Council Agency meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

All meetings are open to the public.

General Council Agency Vacancies:

- One Agent Alternate vacancy in Black River Falls, WI.
- One Agent Alternate vacancy in La Crosse, WI.
- One Agent vacancy in Wittenberg, WI
- One Agent Alternate in Wittenberg, WI.

Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

General Council Agency News:

On Tuesday November 6th, 2012, Jon Greendeer, Ho-Chunk Nation President officially called the 2013 annual meeting of the General Council on Saturday September 28th, 2013.

The GCA is now accepting RFP's for a Webmaster for the GCA Website. Please submit RFP's to Office of the General Council Po Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615.

2012 General Council Resolutions:

- 09-22-2012 1: Disenrollment of Powell Grey Littlejohn.
- 09-22-2012 2: Create a new line item for For-profit post high school educational system.
- 09-22-2012 3: Create a Department of Native Youth Services.
- 09-22-2012 4: Resolution to Require Enrollment Hearing Prior to Tribal Member Disenrollment.
- 09-22-2012 5: Home Ownership Expansion Authorization.
- 09-22-2012 6: Veterans Reconstructive Initiative.
- 09-22-2012 7: Change in General Council Events- Dissolution of GCA and the institution General Council Planners.
- 09-22-2012 8: Amend constitution and Legislature- GCA to hire independent counsel without legislative interference.
- 09-22-2012 9: A resolution to recall Heather Cloud, HCN Legislator, for Malfeasance.

The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance.

PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI. 54615. Telephone: (715) 284-7891

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**THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED
A COAT OR BLANKET OR TWO
TO THE
CHEYENNE RIVER TRIBE
OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY
IT WAS A SUCCESS AND SOMEONE
WILL BE WARM THIS WINTER
AND FOR THAT I THANK YOU.**

PIIHINAGIGI

~LORINDA BIRD~

Pinagigi!

Waewaenen Kitaenen! – Anushiik!

I wanted to publicly thank all the participants in the Wittenberg BASICS class that wrapped up last month. I know it is often difficult to take time out for your health but, as we know, with diabetes this can be critical. I want to applaud all of you for making that effort and taking the time to understand more about your health and how diabetes affects it.

I'm gratified to hear all of the great feedback and it heartens me to know that so many of you are taking away some knowledge or understanding that will improve your health! I hope you each will continue to spread the word to family members and friends, encouraging them to sign up for BASICS!

If you weren't able to complete this past session, please think about signing up for our next group which will be coming soon. The classes offer a sense of camaraderie and a chance to learn from each other, but if you are not into groups – we are more than willing to meet with you on an individual basis.

I want to also thank the SDPI program and those involved in making that happen – Karena, Rachel, Lyndsey, Kathleen and the dietitians Kathy and Jess. We had enrolled members from 3 tribes in this session, which proves that perseverance pays off and the word is spreading and growing about this great program!

If you would like more information or want to sign up for our next session, you can call me – Judy Wittenberg Community Health Nurse 715-253-2382 or Rachel in Black River Falls 715-284-9851.

LAUGH YOURSELF TO A BETTER RELATIONSHIP

This class is open to the public at
no cost from ages 18 & up

live *laugh* love

- Learn to have fun with your partner
- Learn the importance of spirituality in relationships.
- &
- And laugh along with a Mark Gungor video

*Life is better when
you're laughing*



Session Locations & Dates:

Lunch will be provided

BARABOO

Date: December 8th
Location: Legion Post
Time: 9:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Date: January 12th
Location: Community Center
Time: 9:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

NEKOOSA

Date: February 9th
Location: Community Center
Time: 9:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

For additional information contact:

Joe WhiteEagle: 608-355-1240 ext. 5567 OR Stephanie WhiteEagle: 608-355-1240 ext. 5568

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Sharon Green receives President's Volunteer Service Award

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Keeping busy and working with people are important to Sharon Green. It's because of that hard work and dedication to helping people, she recently received "The President's Volunteer Service Award."

"I love people and I love helping people," she said. "I can't just sit at home."

Green was honored with the award for more than 500 hours of volunteer work at the ABC Store in Tomah, a

resale store sponsored by the Tomah Memorial Auxiliary in support of Tomah Memorial



Sharon Green likes to keep busy. One of her ways to keep active is to sew quilts at the Tomah Tribal Aging Unit. She and Alma Miner hope to complete 100 quilts before Christmas and to donate them to area children.

Hospital. Proceeds from sales go to Tomah Memorial Hospital for specified needs. Auxiliary funds are used to purchase patient equipment and other needed items, sponsor healthcare-related education scholarships and support a number of other programs.

This is the second year in a row Green has been given the award from Coulee Region RSVP for her many hours spent in volunteer work.

Her giving spirit is in everything she does. Prior to her retirement in 2009, she was a housekeeper at Fort McCoy for 30 years.

During her time with Fort McCoy, she took care of one of the housing units, performing all the housekeeping duties. She was affectionately known as "Miss Sharon" to all the men staying in the unit.

"I had 17 sons," she said. "I took care of everything for them."

A surprise party was held for her upon retirement, to which friends, family, acquaintances, co-workers and supervisors turned out to pack the facility.

And now that she is supposed to have more time on her hands, she finds plenty to do by helping people.

Besides her volunteer work at the ABC Store twice a week, Green spends many hours at the Tribal Aging Unit in Tomah, sewing quilts for area children with help from her friend, Alma Miner.

"We're hoping to make 100 quilts for area children," she said.



Sharon Green, recipient of the Presidential Award for her work as a volunteer, displays an apron she made while sewing at the Tomah Tribal Aging Unit.

She also likes to create beadwork and cook. But the key to her success is just finding joy in everything she does.

"I'm just happy every day. I like to be busy," she said. "I don't have time to be at home and be depressed."

When she grows tired of making quilts, she dabbles in other creative sewing endeavors, such as making aprons, troll dolls and Packer memorabilia.

"The greatest of all is spending time with my grandchildren," she said.

Mister Walker, writer, poet and performer tells his story

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

This young native man has been writing and rapping since 6th grade. An English class in school helped him come around to writing. The son of Lori Funmaker, Mister is a junior at Wisconsin Dells High School and has found a local following with the music he writes and records.

Mister said that Tupac Shakur's book *The Rose That Grew from Concrete* was a great influence and was what helped him seriously think of writing poetry and performing. In talking to Mister one can see the dedication and drive he has to follow this dream that has become so clear in this young life.

While he attends school and lives his daily life, he is almost always surrounded by music. His mother, Lori said that when he gets home he is soon in his room and working on his music. He said that his

music may not necessarily reflect his Native roots right now, but that seems to take a back seat to what message his music is saying. He talks about his writing and said that he doesn't seem to really stick to one theme. He is comfortable addressing everyday issues, like love, life and everyday situations that may arise.

Mister has been working on his tunes and is looking forward to recording and performing in the near future. He has performed locally and has seen a positive attitude toward his lyrics and music. His performance earlier this year with fellow Ho-Chunk poet Theodore Brown at a Baraboo bookstore won over older fans as they spoke and performed for a crowd of local poetry enthusiasts.

"I will take any opportunity to get on stage and perform," Mister said. There is no slowing down for this writer poet. He doesn't seem to be

fazed by any bad reputation that "rap music" may have gotten over the years. "That is not my reputation" Walker adds.

"I want to keep my stuff original; I want the reader or listener to be able to put themselves in my place."

When asked if he was a role model, he quickly replied that he wasn't. "I have lived my life the way I wanted and you live your own life."

Mister still wants to be an example to young Native kids. He does see the struggles that kids may face and his message is a simple one. "Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do this or that."

His poetry, he feels has gotten better through the years and one thing he said has helped is his ability to hear beats and the confidence he has in his writing and creativeness. Not an avid reader, Mister says he finds himself reading a variety of books and subjects.



Mister earlier this year performing at a Baraboo bookstore.

He feels he has to keep his music as original as he can and he is confident that if he works hard and keeps writing and performing, that dream

will be reached.

Mister said that this is his passion, his life and his medicine.